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FIRE STARTED IN BABY CART ON FIRST FLOOR

Flames Swept Through Open Stairways, Cutting Off Escape Through the Halls—Nearly a Hundred People, Clad in Night Clothes, Swarmed on Fire Escapes.

New York, Nov. 20.—Nine persons, constituting every member but one of two entire families, lost their lives here today in a fire which destroyed a five-story apartment house at 307 West 146th street. Fourteen other families escaped or were rescued by firemen.

Originating, fire authorities say, in a baby carriage on the first floor of the brick structure, the fire swept upward through open stairways, cutting off escape through the halls. Nearly a hundred men, women and children, clad in night clothes, swarmed to the fire escapes, some making their way to the ground while others huddled terror-stricken on platforms in mid-air until carried to safety.

The dead were all found on the fifth and top floor after the flames had been controlled. They were: Raphael Gebbia, his wife, Anna, and their four children, who ranged in years from seven down to one and a half; Mrs. Ada Frank, Mrs. Bertha Reynolds, her sister, and Ruth Reynolds, a girl of 16; Charles Frank, overcome by smoke, fainted over a window sill and, was dragged to safety and revived by a man who reached out from an adjoining building and drew him across the narrow open space. Mrs. Doris Schofield, living on the second floor, escaped with minor injuries.

Robert Walker, a neighborhood resident, climbed a fire escape before the arrival of firemen and carried to safety an infant which had been abandoned in its crib by a family living on the second floor.

Other residents of the doomed building escaped over adjoining roofs.

TWO MILLION LOSS ON NEW ORLEANS DOCKS

Great Fire Was Started By Sparks From a Switching Engine, It is Believed.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 20.—Damage estimated at approximately \$2,000,000 was caused by a water front fire here today which the fire authorities believe was started by sparks from a switching engine.

FIRE AT WELLESLEY

Club House Partially Burned—No One in the Building.

Wellesley, Mass., Nov. 20.—The club house of the Agora Society at Wellesley college, on the shore of Lake Waban, was damaged by fire today. Two rooms of the club house, a two-story structure, were burned out with a loss estimated at about \$4,000. There was no one in the building at the time.

SUGAR REFINERIES CLOSE

Because of Slight Demand for the Product.

New York, Nov. 20.—All six refineries of the American Sugar Refining company have been closed as a result of slight demand for the commodity. It was announced by the company today.

An official of the company, explaining the shutdown, said:

"We have ample stocks on hand and are prepared to make prompt delivery of all grades of refined sugar. Refineries have been closed temporarily owing to lack of demand from the trade."

BIG BILL FUREY FREED

On Charge of Attempted Extortion in Connection With Ship Burning.

New York, Nov. 20.—Edward H. (Big Bill) Furey, who attained notoriety in connection with New York's alleged \$5,000,000 bond theft plot involving John W. ("Nicky") Arnstein, today was acquitted of a charge of attempted extortion connected with the burning of the steamer Oceanica at Montreal more than a year ago.

The specific charge of which Furey was acquitted alleged that he, with James Keene, a Montreal private detective, had intimidated that he would charge Charles G. A. Pritch, president of the Pacific Steamship company here, with participation in the burning of the steamer Oceanica at Montreal in July, 1919, unless Pritch "came through" with \$5,000.

At the trial Furey denied the charge. Indictments against Furey charging him with criminally receiving stolen property and with grand larceny are still pending, and he was sent back to the Tombs to await trial.

"ROCK-BOUND AGREEMENT"

Alleged to Exist in Granite and Marble Industries.

New York, Nov. 20.—Disintegration of the contractor-dealer-labor combines forming New York's alleged "building trust" has begun and prices of construction materials have toppled over and dropped since active warfare against these interests was opened, it was revealed yesterday by witnesses before the joint legislative committee conducting the investigation.

Increased productivity of labor also has been apparent since the investigating committee began exposing one scandal after another and the grand jury started returning indictments, employers testified.

Mingled with these developments came evidence to show existence of country wide control of production and prices in marble, cement, limestone and other trades. National associations are threatening these industries, it was alleged.

More than a year ago Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the investigating committee, declared if given an opportunity to conduct an inquiry into these "combinations," he could send prices tumbling, and yesterday, as his questions brought replies showing his predictions have come true, he seemed to believe that the big crowd that jammed the committee's chambers.

The testimony that the cement trade of the entire country is under the absolute control of a national association and that there is "a very rockbound agreement" in the granite and marble industries was given by Hugh White, vice-president of the George A. Fuller Construction company, one of the largest concerns of its kind doing business through the United States.

He expressed the hope that he might soon see "competition in building materials trades and labor. Mr. Untermyer added that he wanted to release labor from "the thrall of blackmail."

BURKE JURY GETS THE MURDER CASE

Second Trial at Skowhegan, Me., Was Brought to a Close

Skowhegan, Me., Nov. 20.—The jury in the second trial of John A. Burke for the murder of Nelson W. Bartley at Jackman on October 15, 1919, retired at 10:25 a. m. today.

TALK OF THE TOWN

William Juckett of Castleton arrived in the city last evening to spend a few days with Barre friends.

Miss Edith Ross of Westerville went to Berlin, N. H., today to visit with friends for a few days.

Edith Ross of Westerville left this morning for Berlin, N. H., where she will make a week's visit at the home of her brother, George.

James Stuart has returned to his home last evening after undergoing an operation at the Heaton hospital, Montpelier. Mr. Stuart is now able to be downtown his condition improving steadily.

After the regular meeting of L'Union St. Jean Baptiste held at Worthen hall last evening, a number of French songs and recitations were presented. Dancing was in order at the conclusion of the program.

Word received from the New England hospital in Roxbury yesterday by friends of Miss Margaret Benson of Beckley hall stated she had undergone an operation for a defective leg, was resting comfortably with the leg in a plaster cast.

Mrs. Alice Fisher and family of the East Barre road moved today from their home here in full preparation for the road to East Montpelier. Thursday evening she was the guest of honor at a farewell party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Boulerice. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable time spent. Mrs. Fisher received several useful gifts from her friends and neighbors.

This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Spaulding high school's football eleven faces in combat a team which is without question one of the strongest football aggregations in Vermont schools and colleges. The field at Lincoln campus was cleared yesterday by the city scraper and is in fair condition for the game. Three large auto trucks were filled with players and supporters from Lyndonville when they arrived in the city this morning. The general appearance of the team was much larger than the average high school team and apparently heavier than the Spaulding team.

The campaign which the local chapter of the Red Cross instituted this week for enrolling members in the fourth membership roll is proving to be very successful and those in charge are more than gratified with the results, taking into consideration local conditions. Already the 1,000 mark has been reached and it is hoped that before the enrollment closes, at least 1,200 names will have been added to the roll. Mrs. F. E. Robinson will be at the Red Cross offices in city hall tonight from 7 to 9 o'clock for the purpose of receiving memberships from any who may have been overlooked.

Those who were assembled at the American Legion club rooms last evening for the organization of an auxiliary to Barre post, No. 10, Miss Penelope Gall was chosen temporary president and in this capacity will act until the charter is received from the national headquarters of the Legion. Application for a charter had already been approved by the post and last evening it was signed by the adjutant and commander and sent to Indianapolis.

Many other eligible women have expressed their desire to be put on the list of members of the auxiliary and before the charter is received it is expected the number will increase considerably.

\$40,000 BRIBE IS ALLEGED

And R. W. Bolling, Wilson's Brother-in-Law, Was Mentioned

IN INVESTIGATION OF SHIPPING BOARD

Amount Said to Have Been Paid to Procure Unusual Favours

New York, Nov. 20.—R. W. Bolling, brother-in-law of President Wilson and treasurer of the shipping board, was named in connection with a \$40,000 bribe alleged to have been paid by a Staten Island shipping company to procure unusual favors from the board, in testimony before the congressional committee investigating shipping board affairs here today.

Tucker E. Sands, former vice-president of the Commercial National bank, Washington, testified that it was his "understanding" that \$1800 he loaned Bolling against his note, "and of which Bolling already has paid back \$300, was Bolling's share on the \$40,000 bribe of the Wallace Downey Shipbuilding corporation for unusual shipping board favors."

Sands said that the \$40,000 he "understood" was to be split four ways between himself, Bolling, Lester Slater, former shipping board secretary, and a man named Kraner.

In an interview with Alfred W. McCram, reporter for the New York Globe, made allegations of the alleged bribe, which were incorporated in an affidavit, a photostatic copy of which was submitted to the board today, prepared for his (Sands') signature.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Frank W. Belleville of Williamstown has been appointed game warden for Orange and Washington counties.

Mrs. Mary G. Davis arrived in the city last evening to pass the winter months at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. C. Mower, of the Montpelier road.

Walter Tobin and Max Holden, college students of Boston institutions, arrived in Barre last evening and will spend Thanksgiving vacation at their homes.

Carroll's orchestra motored to East Barre last evening to play at the annual banquet and ball given by the firemen. A few Barre people attended the ball.

Rev. Robert Devoy of Waterbury, who came to officiate at the funeral mass for the late Mrs. Mary Nichols, returned to St. Andrew's parish yesterday afternoon.

J. H. Schultz, general agent of the Chicago and North Western Railway company, who has been in Barre on a business visit, returned to his office in Boston yesterday.

Car number 34 of the Barre and Montpelier Traction company, which left Barre at 12:45 p. m., was delayed a few minutes at Depot square yesterday by a motor car stuck out a hot box over the rear truck.

Mrs. J. W. McDonald of Washington street is going to Boston today to pass the Thanksgiving holidays with relatives there before going to Los Angeles, Cal., to remain during the winter.

Accompanying her to Boston will be Mrs. M. C. McFadden of Washington street, who goes to spend the winter in Massachusetts.

The two valuable horses owned by Herbert C. Leonard of South Main street which narrowly escaped death by drowning when they were dragged down a canal by a team, were recovered on Brooklyn street last week after apparent bad effects and were put to work Wednesday.

A group of Spaulding high school girls, Miss Mable Farquar, Edith Robinson, Mary Riddle, Doris Girard, Ruth Armstrong, Florence Kittredge, Ruth McKenzie, Isabel Miller, May Rennie and Miss Clara M. Gardner as chaperone, went to Waterbury today to attend the district rally conference of Vermont girls.

Workers at the South Main street bridge were busy yesterday taking apart the 85-foot beam derrick, for shipment back to the Well-Lamson quarry, since the construction work at the bridge is practically completed. A gang of city employees are grading up the road with stone chips at the south side, and the probability is that the bridge will be ready for traffic within a week.

The death of Mrs. James Guthrie, mother of Andrew Guthrie of Beacon street, occurred at her home in Roxbury, Mass., after an illness with pneumonia, it was learned by relatives here.

Mrs. M. C. Guthrie, who was called to Roxbury earlier in the week because of his mother's critical condition, will be joined today by Joseph Nelson, who goes to attend the funeral, which will be held in Roxbury.

All the schools in the city will suspend sessions from next Wednesday afternoon to the following Monday morning in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. At Goddard seminary Saturday is no holiday as in other schools and for this reason two days instead of one will be lost. Rather than deprive the students of the combined holidays school will keep at the seminary next Monday and the following Tuesday so that the work may be made up.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR BOY THIEF

August Pascal Had Also Pleading Guilty to Second Degree Murder

SENTENCE ON THAT WAS SUSPENDED

Pascal Smothered Blakely Coughlin Under His Coat

Norristown, Pa., Nov. 20.—August Pascal, alias Pasquale, was sentenced to life imprisonment this morning by Judge Swartz in Norristown court for kidnapping Blakely Coughlin, the 13-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Coughlin, from their home near Norristown on June 2 last.

Pascal, known as "The Crank," pleaded guilty at his trial to second degree murder and kidnapping for extortion. He said he smothered the infant under his coat and threw the body in a river. Sentence was suspended on the second degree murder charge.

Judge Swartz told Pascal he was sorry he could not sentence him to death. The second degree murder sentence, he said, will be considered if Pascal is ever released.

Under Pennsylvania law the maximum penalty for kidnapping is life imprisonment.

WATERBURY PEOPLE GENEROUS

In Contributions to Aid Little Girl Who Lost Both Feet.

Waterbury, Nov. 20.—Waterbury responded in most general fashion to the appeal for contributions to assist in the care of little Alberta Eldred, aged four years, who lost both feet last summer when she was cut down by a moving machine operated by her grandfather at Waterbury Center. The local aid was fixed at \$500 and when the checking up had been temporarily ended last night it was found that a total of \$1,200 had been contributed. C. C. Graves, chairman of the drive, expressed the opinion that there would be considerable additions to the amount.

It is expected that the state charity department will raise other funds to use in the same case, the amount to be used in purchasing artificial feet for the little girl and in educating her. The parents of the girl are poor and unable to do for her that the situation demands. Since the accident the girl has been in Heaton hospital, Montpelier, where she was rushed by automobile on the day of the misfortune. For a time it was thought she would bleed to death, but the girl is now making good progress.

MONTPELIER

Mrs. Clara S. Davis Died Last Evening After Long Illness.

Mrs. Clara S. Davis, for several years a resident of Montpelier, died at her home at 61 Berlin street about 6:40 o'clock last evening, following an illness covering eight months. She was a native of Essex, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Safford, born June 18, 1877. Her husband, George Davis, died some years since. She is survived by her father, three sisters, Misses Tillie and Minnie Safford, and Mrs. Hattie Leveley, and a son, George Davis, all of Montpelier. Her late home at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon. Interment will be in Green Mount cemetery.

Some 50 names have been signed to a petition for a charter to form a ladies' auxiliary to the American Legion in Montpelier. The petition appeared at the armory last evening for the purpose of holding a meeting for organization, but owing to the fact that the charter had not arrived it could not be completed and the following officers were selected for temporary organization: President, Mrs. A. F. Johnson; vice-president, Mrs. Henry Norton; secretary, Mrs. H. Carl Smith. Another meeting will be held in two weeks.

Rev. Fraser Metzger of Randolph was in the city today to attend an executive committee meeting of the American Legion, which will make report of his trip to Indianapolis, and matters connected with the state policy will be discussed.

The Herbert minstrels presented an excellent entertainment at the Playhouse Friday evening to a large audience. Their street parade, which was given by a minstrel company in a long time.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Chandler have gone to Florida for the winter.

The will of Ellen E. Marshall, late of Montpelier, has been presented in probate court, as has the will of John Kough, late of Northfield.

The engineers in the state engineer's office are making the final estimate on the Williston road project, the work having been completed. This is the first job allotted to Vermont although not the first one completed, owing to several delays.

The report of the automobile accident which happened at the Pioneer hotel last evening at the Pioneer hotel in Montpelier early in the week in which J. B. Sanguinetti's machine of Barre was involved has been made to the secretary of state's office. It appears that the car was following a load of hay and that the team of Hyman Leonard was approaching, resulting in the automobile and team colliding. Frank Bailey of Barre has also asked for a report blank.

AN EXTRA CHARGE

Likely to Be Brought Against Liquor Smugglers.

Newport, Nov. 20.—A bottle of genuine old Scotch whiskey, a tin imperial gallon syrup can, filled with white wine, and a 22-caliber automatic pistol comprised the material evidence which caused the arrest of liquor smuggler Walter H. Cleary of Newport to bind over Joseph H. Robarge of Everett, Mass.; Ernest Labrosse of Lincoln, N. H.; and Cyrene Le Bouthillier, also of Lincoln, in \$500 bail apiece until the term of the United States court, to be held at Montpelier, beginning Nov. 30.

S. B. Bates, state highway commissioner, and R. S. Carrier of that office have returned from attending the meeting of the Massachusetts State Highway association, at which Mr. Bates spoke upon the care of snow roads, telling the members of the convention how the roads are rolled down in Vermont. Massachusetts is against a pretty stiff programme for the next 10 years, the superintendent of public works.

HURRYING TO GAME: FATALLY INJURED

Eugene Buckley, Jr., Died in Worcester, Mass., Hospital, Having Been Injured at Brookfield, Mass.

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 20.—Eugene Buckley, Jr., of Boston, injured last night in Brookfield in an automobile accident while on the way to the Yale-Harvard game, died in St. Vincent hospital this morning.

MISSING STUDENT LOCATED.

C. V. Clifford Telephoned from Montreal to His Father.

Burlington, Nov. 20.—After having been sought for an entire day around Burlington by hundreds of students, Cecil V. Clifford, the University of Vermont student, who had been missing since Wednesday morning, finally located himself last evening about 7:30 o'clock when he called his father, J. V. Clifford of Pittsford, who has been in this city trying to find him. At present the missing boy is at the Acadia hotel in Montreal. From the short conversation that Mr. Clifford was able to hold with his son, it is evident that the boy who he called his father, J. V. Clifford, was in the city when he was going when he started for Montreal.

He did not give very definite information as to how he reached the Canadian city, or tell about his present condition. When asked if he could return home he merely replied that he thought that he could stand the trip, but could not walk. From this, it is understood that he has run short of money. Although he is thought to have been temporarily demented when he left the city, he seemed to be perfectly normal when speaking to his father.

Probably he will be able to tell more of his experiences of the last few days when rested up from the strain and exposure of his trip. However, it may be that he will not be able to remember the details any more than he was able to afterwards recall what caused the fall which he suffered in the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity house two years ago, the results of which kept him out of college until this semester.

ACCUSED OF ROBBERY

Whittingham Man and Son Bound Over at Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Nov. 20.—George Griswold and son, Earl Griswold, both of Whittingham, gave bail in the sum of \$300 each in the municipal court yesterday for their appearance Monday to answer to the charge of attempted robbery, armed with a dangerous weapon. They are charged with having tried to rob Mrs. Fred Wheeler of Stratton the morning of October 6 after having entered her home and bound and gagged her.

Mrs. Wheeler carries the money with which her husband pays the rent of the house in Stratton who are employed by a Wilmington firm, and on October 6 two men, one of whom called the other "father," searched her clothing for \$300 which had been sent from Wilmington, but which had not arrived.

Since the attempted robbery the officers have been investigating and they became suspicious of the Griswolds. Sheriff F. L. Wellman arrested and took them to Wardboro, where an inquest was held by Judge T. E. O'Brien at the request of State Attorney E. W. Gibson of this place. Mrs. Wheeler alleged that the money was taken from her by the Griswolds. State Attorney Gibson had the younger Griswold take a seat in the room with Mrs. Wheeler and told her that the money was one of the two who tried to rob her. Mrs. Wheeler said that the other Griswold as the other man who entered her home on October 6.

EIGHT LICENSES SUSPENDED

Secretary of State Acted To-day Because of Various Reasons.

Harry A. Black, secretary of state, this morning suspended indefinitely a large number of automobile operators' licenses because the reports to his office showed carelessness for the most part. These include F. E. Murren of Wilmington for permitted State intoxication; J. B. Sanguinetti of Barre for reckless driving; Clinton O. Gibson of Windsor for a fatal accident; E. W. Daniels of Middlesex for careless and negligent driving; J. E. Crowley of Essex Junction for reckless driving; J. W. Bates of Montpelier for a fatal accident; Matthew Bougas of Springfield for an accident and failure to report the same; H. L. Green of Richford for causing an accident and failure to report the same. The happy case was not completed Friday and other witnesses will be heard later, it is expected.

AUTO STRUCK BUGGY

And Then Hit Small Boy Walking on Sidewalk.

At 11:30 this morning an automobile, driven by E. H. Tobin of 23 Academy street, struck the buggy of Dr. W. D. Reid as the latter was making the turn into the driveway at his home on South Main street. After the collision Mr. Tobin's car swerved to the right and ran up onto the sidewalk, knocking down Charles, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spencer of South Main street, who was walking with his mother. The extent of the child's injuries is undetermined but is believed to be confined to a bruised head.

Since Dr. Reid's team was struck a glancing blow, only the rear wheel was taken off. The doctor was thrown from the carriage and suffered only minor injuries to his hip. He was able to be out walking on the street a short time after the accident.

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Burlington, Nov. 20.—Nathan G. Williams, a prominent business man of Bellows Falls and long connected with one of the chief industries of that town, has filed in the office of the clerk of the United States district court a schedule in bankruptcy. The amount of the total liabilities as given in the schedule is \$274,970.31, while the total assets amount to \$129,929.13.

QUARRY FALL CAUSED DEATH

William McInnes Drowned 60 Feet, Landed on Feet, Fell Over on Head

DEAD WHEN HIS COMRADES CAME

He Was 20 Years of Age and Worked for Boutwell, Milne & Varnum

Instantaneous death was the fate of William McInnes at the Boutwell, Milne and Varnum quarry number tree, this morning about 9:30, when he unconsciously stepped off the edge of the quarry and fell about 60 feet, landing upon his feet and toppling over, his skull being crushed in the contact with the granite. At the time he was working about the large steam shovel, used in the clearance work on the Boutwell quarries.

Fellow-workmen rushed to his side but death had been instantaneous, and the response of Dr. E. W. Bailey was to no avail. His body was removed to the Whitcomb undertaking rooms in East Barre and will later be removed to the home of his mother, Mrs. Christina McInnes, proprietress of the Boutwell, Milne and Varnum boarding house, and with whom he lived.

The young man was born in Williamstown 20 years ago last April, and was one of a family of six. Besides his mother, there survive two brothers, John of Graniteville and Malcolm of Barre, three sisters, Etta, Margaret and Christina.

The young man's father, Murdo McInnes, was killed in a similar accident on the E. L. Smith & Co. quarry two years ago last January.

Funeral arrangements were not completed this afternoon.

MRS. BUTTON GOT DIVORCE

And Also Granted \$2,500 Alimony—Court Does Not Adjourn.

The final session of the September term of Washington county court did not take place Friday afternoon as it was expected it would because, when the final action in the case of Malinai vs. Rossi was to occur, a disagreement occurred as to the close jail execution, so it looks now as though the whole case would have to be heard and because of that Judge S. C. Wilson declared a recess until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, the 29th of the month, when he will come back to hear the Malinai case, and, incidentally, some other matters will be disposed of at that time.

A divorce was granted in the case of Mary Button vs. William Button on the ground of intolerable severity, making the 32nd divorce granted this term. The list of the others have appeared in The Times during the past few weeks when they were granted. The Buttons divorced, like all others, does not become effective until the day of final adjournment of court. The court gave Mrs. Button \$2,500 alimony, which is to be paid within 15 days from the date of effectiveness of the divorce. It becomes a lien against the property of Mr. Button, and the court stated that if the petitioner would rather give Mrs. Button the farm and take the alimony money of \$2,500 for his interest that might take place.

The finding of facts in the case were very complete and set forth in plain terms just what the court found from the testimony. In one place, it is stated, that the petitioner is "apparently lacking in the fine feelings of the heart" toward Mrs. Button and in another place it states that for many years apparently "she was without proper regard for her husband." The findings refer to his swearing at her and calling her names of the vilest nature. In another place it refers to his treatment of her as not more than that worthy an animal. In another place the findings state there was no question about the intolerable severity of the acts of the petitioner. The happy case was not completed Friday and other witnesses will be heard later, it is expected.

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VERMONT'S EFFORTS TO CONTROL AUTOS

Were Interestingly Described to Barre Audience By Secretary of State Black.

The tremendous development of the automobile business in Vermont during the past 11 years was shown by Secretary of State Harry A. Black in a talk given before the Barre Board of Trade and Vinitia club at the rooms of the latter last evening, the talk being the second of the series of three under the joint auspices of the Greater Vermont association and the local board of trade. The third number in a talk by Linn L. Havers, state commissioner of fish and game, to be given in December.

Secretary of State Black pointed out that only as far back as 1909, Vermont had but 1,638 automobiles registered, with an income of \$26,657 to the state from the registration, while up to Nov. 1, this year, a total of 31,249 cars had been registered, the income to the state from the department being \$551,547. There will come a time, said Secretary Black, when the saturation point will be reached; that is, when the state will have reached its capacity in acquiring motor cars, when the number registered from year to year will be practically stationary. That time has not yet come, and the secretary is looking for a total registration of as many as 36,000 cars in 1921, making the revenue to the state in the vicinity of \$650,000.

What to do with this large number of motor vehicles, how to keep the drivers under proper restraint, what are the best means of protecting the public and the users of the motor vehicles constitute a problem which is taxing the ingenuity of the secretary of state's office, over and above the burdening of that department with actual work of registration. Secretary Black had reported to him thus far this year 2,100 accidents of various sorts, and included in the list were 27 fatalities in which motor vehicles figured.

To Secretary Black the best means of protecting the public and the drivers was to put a check on the reckless and irresponsible users of motor vehicles, to prevent as many as possible from securing licenses to operate and to weed out such of those who did secure licenses who had proven themselves to be unsafe persons, either through physical defects, temperamental faults, or through the use of liquor in excess. The speaker admitted that some persons with physical defects were not absolutely disqualified if they were guided by the safe and sane idea. Persons with one arm, with one leg with one eye, with defective hearing or sight, or with a string of eight automobiles, if properly guided by a feeling of carefulness.

As an illustration, Secretary Black told of one Vermont man who has been running a car for years although having one wooden arm, one wooden foot and one wooden leg, and he never has had any trouble, all because he maintained the safe and sane idea of motor travel.

It is the impatient man, the man who can't wait a few seconds, who makes a good deal of the trouble on the Vermont highways. If he comes up behind a string of eight automobiles, going 25 miles an hour that impatient motorist cannot wait, he's got to pass every machine ahead of him; and in so doing he runs great risk to himself and to the others. "Cutting in" to pass a car, with another approaching, is one of the most dangerous situations